

To the Members of the California State Assembly:

I am returning Assembly Bill 319 without my signature.

This bill would establish a California Tsunami Steering Committee to guide tsunami hazard preparedness activities in the state and would require the Office of Emergency Services (OES) to establish a statewide tsunami hazard mitigation program to maintain consistent planning efforts regarding preparation, communication, response and mitigation in the event of a damaging tsunami.

OES has had a tsunami program in place since 1994 that addresses most of the components described in this bill. The OES currently has authority to conduct these activities. Further, this legislation could create a burden on the State General Fund when federal funds are no longer available.

Sincerely,

Arnold Schwarzenegger